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NOTE FOR: DCI

FROM: D/OPP

SUBJECT: Production Enhancement Initiatives for FY 83-84

25X1 1. Further to our conversation with [ ] yesterday, I have taken  
25X1 a look at the package he gave you and believe these folks simply are on the  
wrong track. The [ ] allocated to the program has been siphoned away  
from other places in the budget so that the proposed initiatives represent  
a real cost in terms of other work not being done. Therefore, it seems to  
me that the initiatives should be directed toward higher risk or more  
speculative undertakings in areas you have identified as high priority--  
e.g., technology transfer, instability, economic vulnerabilities and so  
forth.

25X1 2. The memorandum that I have prepared for your signature to John McMahon  
(copy to [ ] at Tab 1 would indicate your willingness to approve  
the expenditure of funds for such enhancement initiatives but that the list  
that has been forwarded to you is unacceptable. It would ask that the working  
group reconvene and try to come up with a more concrete and useful list of  
projects. It would also indicate that you intend to take a hard look at the  
value of this entire project in next year's budget process.

3. I have discussed this with the DDCI who has reservations about the  
entire program as well as the specific initiatives, but believes there is  
plenty of time for the working group to take another crack at coming up with  
a better list in as much as this is FY 83 money. He has indicated his own  
desire to take a hard look at the program next year.

25X1 [ ]  
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Attachment

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